

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

OVERVIEW

THE CASE	Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.
QUESTIONS	There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.
CLUES	After answering each question, the students will MARK OFF their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

GRADE LEVEL

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RANGE

BEGINNING

MIDDLE

END

BEGINNING

MIDDLE

END

BEGINNING

ANCIENT CHINA

The country of China is located on the continent of Asia. Ancient China was one of the oldest and longest civilizations to exist, dating back thousands of years. There were 13 dynasties in ancient China beginning with the Xia Dynasty and ending with the Qing. Natural barriers including the Himalayan Mountains, the Gobi Desert, the Tibetan Plateau, the Yellow Sea, and the Chinese Sea protected ancient China from invasions.

The first dynasty to rule ancient China was the Xia Dynasty, founded and ruled by Yu the Great. With 17 emperors, this dynasty reigned for almost 500 years. Some historians argue whether the Xia Dynasty was real or a legend, but archaeological discoveries support its existence. After the Xia Dynasty came the Shang Dynasty which ruled along the Yellow River. The Zhou Dynasty followed as the third dynasty of ancient China and lasted longer than any other Chinese dynasty. The Qin Dynasty was the fourth dynasty lasting just 15 years. The Han Dynasty, founded by Liu Bang, was the fifth dynasty and lasted over 400 years. The Hui, Sui, Tang, and Song Dynasties ruled China from 202 BCE to 1279 CE.

The Silk Road began during the Han Dynasty. The Silk Road wasn't really a road, but a 4,000 mile trade route that extended from China to Eastern Europe (Rome). Instead of a single route along the Silk Road, there were many unpaved routes. Some were shorter but more dangerous. Other routes were safer but took longer to travel. The Silk Road served as a way to transfer and trade materials. Merchants and tradesmen traveled along the Silk Road in caravans led by camels. Unfortunately, sometimes disease was carried along the Silk Road, including the bubonic plague also known as Black Death.

The Grand Canal is the longest man-made waterway in the world. It runs north and south in southeast China, from Beijing to Hangzhou. The Grand Canal connects the Yellow River and the Yangtze River. The purpose

3 Who built the Terracotta Army?



Xi'an Emperor



Liu-Tzu



Queen Empress Wu Zetian



Liu Bang

4 There were _____ dynasties in ancient China.



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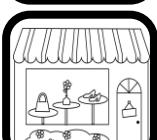
5 What was the first dynasty of ancient China?



Tang



Zhou



Han



Xia

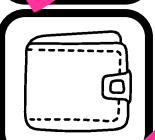
6 What was the last dynasty of ancient China?



Xia



Qing



Song



Zhao

7 What did Confucius focus on?



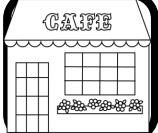
Respect



Being kind



Being polite

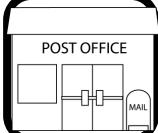


All of the above

9 The Grand Canal connects the _____ River and the Yangtze River.



Danube



Yellow



Orinoco



Amazon

8 The Silk Road began during the _____ Dynasty.



Tang



Zhou



Xia



Han

10 What mountain range was a natural barrier for China?



Alps



Himalayas



Andes



Rockies

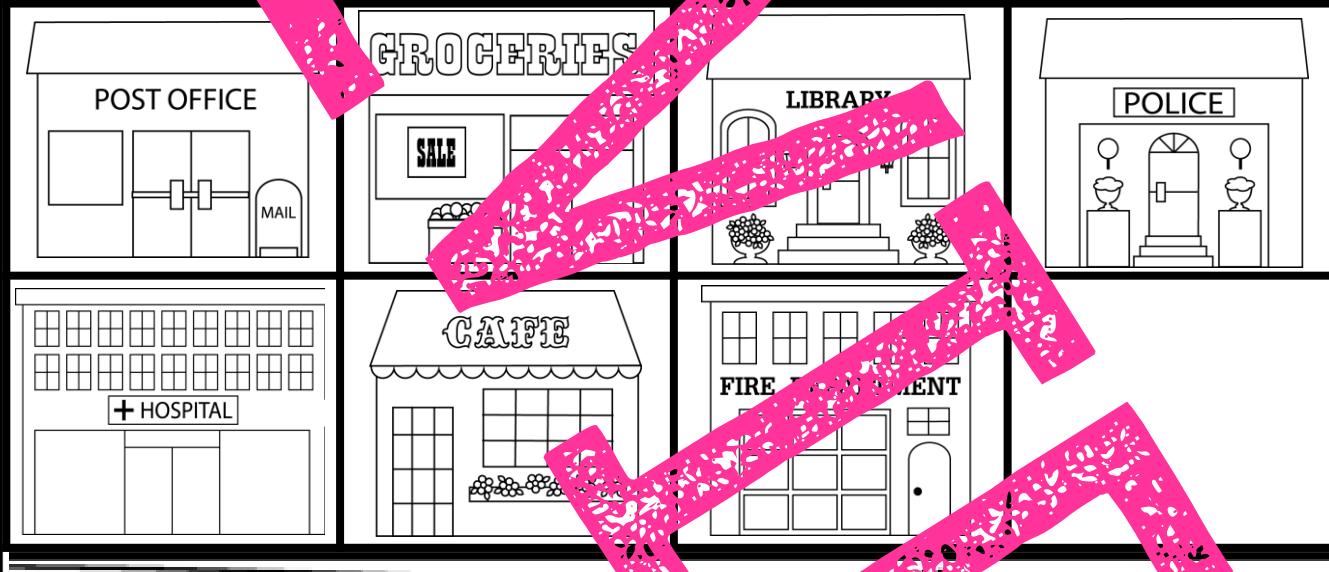
CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

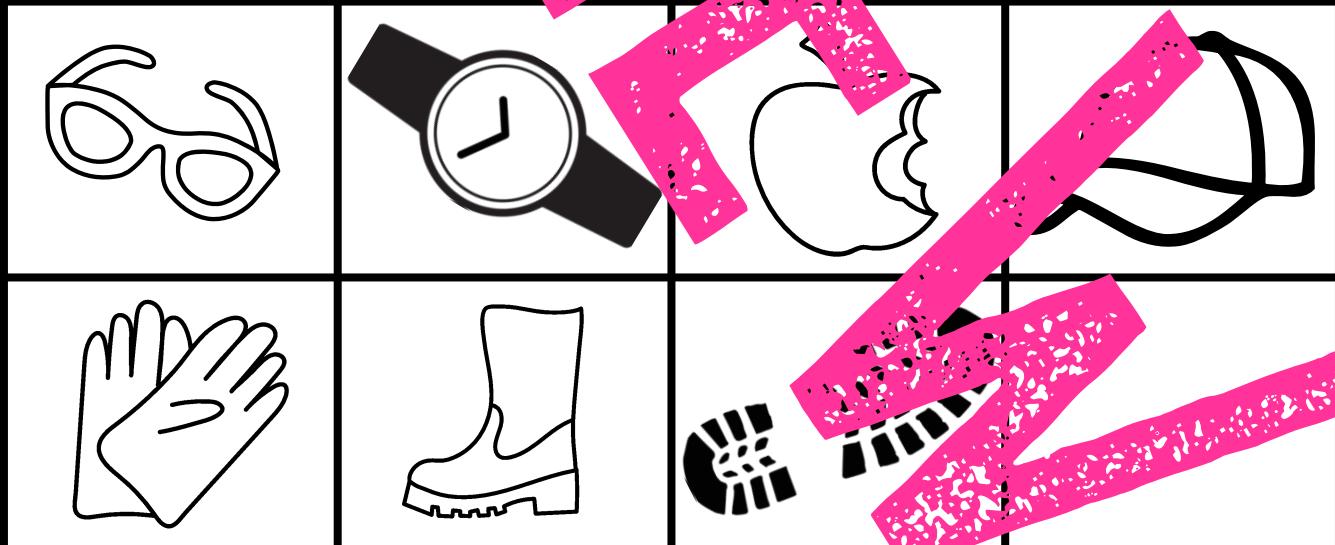
SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS
YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!

LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!

LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:





SPARK SOME

creativity

ESCAPE
ROOMS

SCAVENGER
HUNTS

SPY
MYSTERY

TEXT
DETECTIVE

SECRET
MESSAGES

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

READING
CHALLENGE

INTERACTIVE
NOTEBOOK

DIGITAL
ESCAPES

DIGITAL
BOARD
GAME

COLOR BY
NUMBER

TASK
CARDS
GAME

GOOGLE
SLIDES

GOOGLE
FORMS

PUZZLE
STATIONS

BOOM
CARDS

BLOG